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Occupant Load Factors for Occupancies
not Listed in Table 10-A

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The occupant load factors listed in Table 1 shall be used to determine the occupant load of the following uses which are not listed in Table 10-A of the Building Code.

Table 1/Occupant Load Factor

	Use	Occupant Load Factor (Square feet/occupant)
1.	**Bowling Alleys**	
	Spectator areas	7
	Concourse	7
	Dining areas on concourse	15
2.	**Dance Studios**	
	Classified as "A" Occupancies	15
	Classified as "E" Occupancies	50
3.	**Art Galleries, Museums, Display Rooms**	50
4.	**Lobbies in:**	
	Banks...	30
	Exhibit halls	7
	Theaters	7
	Restaurants	7
	Hotels and offices	30
5.	**Recreation Rooms or Lounges**	15
6.	**Office Waiting Rooms**	15
7.	**Laundromats, Self Service**	30
8.	**Fraternity House Chapter Rooms and Meeting Rooms**	20
9.	**Billiard Parlors**	30
10.	**Beauty Shops, Barber Shops**	30
11.	**Racquetball Courts**	4 occupants per court
12.	**Aerobics & Judo Instruction Schools**	50
13.	**Storage of Research Animals**	
	No lab work in storage area	300
	Lab work in storage area .... 100 to 200 (Determined on case-by-case basis)	
14.	**Computer Rooms (Mainframe)**	300
15.	**Live/Work Quarters***	
	Live	200
	Work	400
	*Note that both spaces are not occupied at the same time	
16.	**Computer Training Room with Fixed Workstations***	50
	*Note that 2 exits are required when room exceeds 50 occupants similar to item 24, Table 10-A.	
17.	**Mini Storage, Self Storage Warehouse**	300
18.	**Auto Repair Garage**	200